

HOUSE RESOLUTION 280

By Harmon

A RESOLUTION to commend Ed Reynolds for his honorable and astute service to the people of South Pittsburg as a city commissioner.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ed Reynolds is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary nineteen-year tenure as a member of the South Pittsburg Board of Commissioners, Mr. Reynolds has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, possessing a passion for helping all people, Ed Reynolds was appointed to the City Commission District I seat in March of 1989, and has since served under Mayors John Thompson, David Payne, Bobby Sherrill, and Mike Killian; and

WHEREAS, shortly after his appointment, the office of City Commissioner in South Pittsburg became a four-year elected position; and

WHEREAS, the third African American commissioner in South Pittsburg's history, Mr. Reynolds is grateful for the love and support of his family and friends who continue to urge him to run for and serve in the seat; and

WHEREAS, one of Mr. Reynolds' proudest achievements in office was fixing a ditch that provided a canal for South Pittsburg Mountain water runoff; the ditch posed a significant safety hazard for children; and

WHEREAS, Ed Reynolds was such a staunch supporter of the restoration of Moore Park, which included a new fence, lights, and concrete bleachers, that the park's field is now named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, he also successfully helped facilitate Foodland and Kanku's Gas Station;
and

WHEREAS, a native of Whitwell, Mr. Reynolds attended MacReynolds High School in South Pittsburg; he enjoyed rabbit hunting throughout Marion County in his younger days; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, he commenced work at Lodge Manufacturing and worked assiduously as a supervisor there for twenty-one exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, Ed Reynolds' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Ed Reynolds for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as a South Pittsburg Commissioner and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.